

of its citizens by submarines on the high seas,  
 it makes  
 itself an object of derision by asking for the  
 freedom of the  
 seas. Interfering with life is worse than  
 interfering with  
 property.

"As for the statement there can be no real  
 peace with  
 victory. So far as Belgium is concerned the  
 statement  
 stands on a par with a similar statement, had  
 there been  
 such, after Bunker Hill and Lexington, that  
 there could  
 be no real peace if victory came to the forces  
 of General  
 Washington.

"If President Wilson's statement had been  
 made by the  
 Emperor Napoleon III, or by Lord John Russell  
 in 1864,<sup>1</sup>  
 doubt if it would have won any enthusiastic  
 support from  
 Abraham Lincoln, although it would have been  
 applauded  
 by the pacifists."

A day later, January 29, 1917, when a  
 declaration by  
 President Wilson against universal military  
 service was  
 published, Roosevelt said:

"President Wilson has announced himself in  
 favor of  
 peace without victory, and now he has  
 declared himself  
 against universal service—that is, against all  
 efficient pre-  
 paredness by the United States.

"Peace without victory is the natural ideal  
 of the man  
 who is too proud to fight.

"When fear of the German submarine next  
 moves Mr.  
 Wilson to declare for 'peace without victory'<sup>3</sup>  
 between the  
 tortured Belgians and their cruel oppressors  
 and task-  
 masters ; when such fear next moves him to  
 utter the shame-  
 ful untruth that each side is fighting for the  
 same things,  
 and to declare for neutrality between wrong

and right;  
let him think of the prophetess Deborah, who,  
when Sisera  
mightily oppressed the children of Israel with  
his chariots  
of iron, and when the people of Meroz stood  
neutral between  
the oppressed and the oppressor, sang of  
them:

Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord,  
curse ye bitterly  
the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to  
the help of the  
Lord against the wrongdoings of the mighty.